

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Hideko Akashi, et al.
Application No. : 10/578,128
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Title : THAWING METHOD

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Examiner : Quang T. Van

Customer No. : 52054
Docket No. : NGB-40369

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AMENDMENT "C"

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated November 20, 2008. The three-month period for responding to the Office action expires on February 20, 2009.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.